

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A cassette assembly for delivering a substance, the assembly comprising:

a cassette having at least one cell therein containing a quantity of the substance, and the cassette further comprising a first side, a second side opposite the first side and a first end between the first side of the cassette and the second side of the cassette;

a protective sleeve containing the cassette, the sleeve comprising:

a first side, a second side opposite the first side, ~~and~~ a first end between the first side of the sleeve and the second side of the sleeve and a second end opposite the first end of the sleeve, the first end of the sleeve being open for receiving the cassette and the second end of the sleeve being closed;

a first tab at the first end of the sleeve which extends inwardly from the first side of the sleeve toward the second side of the sleeve and ~~abutting~~ abuts the ~~cassette's~~ first side of the cassette;

a second tab at the first end of the sleeve which extends inwardly from the second side of the sleeve toward the first side of the sleeve and ~~abutting~~ abuts the ~~cassette's~~ second side of the cassette; and

wherein the cassette is positioned within the protective sleeve with the first side of the cassette adjacent the first side of the sleeve and the first end of the cassette at the first end of the sleeve and wherein the cassette has a first lateral dimension defined between its first side and its second side which is smaller than a second lateral dimension defined between the ~~sleeve~~ first side of the sleeve and the ~~sleeve~~ second side of the sleeve.

2. (Currently Amended) A cassette assembly according to claim 1 wherein:

the cassette further comprises a first face between its first side and its second side;

the sleeve further comprises a first edge at its first end between its first side and its second side;

the sleeve further comprises a retaining member connected to the sleeve by a hinge at the ~~sleeve~~ first edge of the sleeve and abutting the ~~cassette~~ first face of the cassette; and

wherein the first tab and the second tab extend inwardly from respective first and second lateral edges of the retaining member.

3. (Currently Amended) A cassette assembly according to claim 2 wherein the first tab further comprises at least one flap folded inwardly toward the ~~sleeve~~ first side of the sleeve and the second tab further comprises at least one flap folded inwardly toward the ~~sleeve~~ second side of the sleeve.

4. (Original) A cassette assembly according to claim 1 wherein the sleeve is formed of absorbent stock, whereby a small quantity of the substance on the cassette can be absorbed into the stock.

5. (Original) A cassette assembly according to claim 4 wherein the stock is cardboard.

6. (Original) A cassette assembly according to claim 5 wherein the stock is a coated cardboard.

7. (Original) A cassette assembly according to claim 1 and further comprising an indicator strip on the sleeve for indicating the presence of substance thereon.

8. (Currently Amended) A cassette assembly according to claim 7 having identifying an indicia on the cassette and an aperture through the sleeve in registry with the identifying indicia whereby the indicia can be read through the aperture.

Claims 9 to 13: Cancelled